



MEDIA RELEASE

DUI Round-Up 45 Arrests in July 2012

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In July 2012, SBPD made 45 arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 911 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report suspected drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

7/3/12 at 2145 hours: George Geare (age 50) was observed by a security agent at the Santa Barbara County Bowl breaking a window in a vehicle and then climbing into the vehicle through the broken window. The security agent contacted Officer Beecher who was nearby and alerted him to Geare's actions. Officer Beecher was able to locate and stop Geare as he drove out of the parking lot. It was determined that the vehicle belonged to Geare. Officer Beecher, however, immediately noted that Geare was displaying signs of intoxication. Geare initially told Officer Beecher that he had not had any alcoholic beverages to drink, but later stated he had consumed two glasses of wine. Officer Beecher requested another officer to assist; Officer Peterson arrived and conducted a DUI investigation on Geare. Officer Peterson determined that Geare was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Geare chose to provide a blood sample which registered his BAC at .10. He was issued a citation and admitted into the sobering center.

7/7/12 at 2320 hours: Owen Roth (age 38) was stopped by Airport Patrol Officer Callahan for excessive speed and crossing over a double yellow line. Officer Callahan noted signs of intoxication and requested assistance from Santa Barbara Police. Officer Kamin arrived and contacted Roth who initially stated he had consumed two beers. Officer Kamin conducted a DUI investigation including field sobriety tests. Roth did so poorly on several of the tests that Officer Kamin stopped the field sobriety tests for fear that Roth might fall and injure himself due to his level of intoxication. Officer Kamin determined that Roth was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Roth chose to provide a blood sample which registered his BAC at .18. Roth was booked into County Jail.

7/15/12 0200 hours: Rafael Argolobastosdacosta (age 27) was stopped by Drinking Driver Team Officer Tudor for driving straight from a left turn only lane, having an inoperative brake light, and then making a left turn from a straight through lane. Officer Tudor contacted Argolobastosdacosta who stated he had

consumed two beers. Officer Tudor noted significant signs of intoxication and conducted a DUI investigation on Argolobastosdacosta. Officer Tudor determined that Argolobastosdacosta was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Argolobastosdacosta chose to provide two breath samples which registered his BAC at .20 and .20. Argolobastosdacosta was issued a citation for DUI and admitted to the Sobering Center.

7/27/12 at 2020 hours: Roit Nayasi (age 22) was involved in a single vehicle roll-over traffic collision in the 3000 block of Cliff Drive. Nayasi, who is currently on probation for DUI, was found with his vehicle while his two injured passengers were found walking away from the traffic collision. Officer J. Williams conducted the traffic accident investigation while Officer Rosenberg conducted the DUI investigation on Nayasi. They were assisted by Officers Cruz, Montag, Cardana and Sathre. Officer Rosenberg noted that Nayasi, who is the registered owner of the vehicle, smelled strongly of alcohol and marijuana. Nayasi was uncooperative, refusing to complete most of the field sobriety tests, and was eventually placed under arrest by Officer Rosenberg for DUI. Nayasi provided two breath samples which registered his BAC at .13 and .13. Nayasi's two passengers were transported to Cottage Hospital for treatment. Nayasi was booked at County jail for violation of probation and felony DUI causing injury.

7/29/12 at 2234 hours: Courtney Kennedy (age 23) was involved in a traffic collision when she rear ended another vehicle at a high rate of speed at the intersection of Anacapa Street and Canon Perdido Street. Officer Clark, who investigated the collision, noted a strong odor of alcohol coming from Kennedy and requested Drinking Driver Team Officer Tudor to respond and evaluate Kennedy for impairment. Officer Tudor noted Kennedy smelled strongly of alcohol, had bloodshot, watery eyes, and slurred speech. Kennedy stated that she was coming from a wedding at Chase Palm Park where she consumed two six-ounce glasses of wine. After a DUI investigation Officer Tudor determined that Kennedy was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed her under arrest for DUI. Kennedy provided two breath samples which register her BAC at .20 and .20. Kennedy was issued a citation and admitted to the Sobering Center.

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